



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

## Meeting Agenda

45 Fort Hill Road  
Groton, CT 06340-4394  
Town Clerk 860-441-6640  
Town Manager 860-441-6630

### Representative Town Meeting

*Moderator Jean-Claude Ambroise, Representatives Karin Adams, Scott W. Aument, Sr., Joseph Baril, Nancy E. Barnhart, Alicia Bauer, Genevieve Cerf, Susan Chase-Hildebrand, Michael Collins, Christine Conley, Susan Deane-Shinbrot, Luanne E. DeMatto, Nancy Driscoll, Dave Ferreira, Neal Gardner, Patrice Granatosky, Karen Hatcher, Keith L. Hedrick, Conrad F. Heede, Lynn Crockett Hubbard, Michael Dean Johnson, Rosanne E. Kotowski, Jim Loughlin, Jackie Massett, Bruce A. McDermott, Roscoe Merritt, Scott Newsome, Richard J. Pasqualini, Jr., Betty A. Prochaska, Pam Ryley, Jack Sebastian, Dana S. Semeraro, Richard Semeraro, Joan Steinfeld, Irma Streeter, Mark Svencer, Archie C. Swindell, Lori A. Watrous, Amanda L. Whewell and Ivy R. Williams*

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

7:30 PM

Groton Senior Center

### Regular Meeting

- A. ROLL CALL
- B. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2012 and NOVEMBER 1, 2012
- D. CITIZENS' PETITIONS

This is the portion of the RTM agenda where the RTM welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to ten minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be limited to matters pertinent to Groton. The Moderator, or members through the Moderator, shall ask questions only in order to clarify the speaker's presentation. Responses may be given by the Moderator and/or by the Town Manager. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

- E. RECEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS
- F. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER
  - 1. Financial report
  - 2. Monthly briefing
- G. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
- H. LIAISON REPORTS
- I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. FINANCE - Chairman Granatosky
- 2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES - Chairman Ferreira

2012-0266 Connection Fund Donation

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO DIRECT THE DONATION MADE BY THE CONNECTION FUND, INC. TO THE ELIHU SPICER TRUST FUND

WHEREAS, The Connection Fund, Inc., a not for profit 501(c)3 status organization that provides supporting housing to moderate and low income families, owns a number of properties in the Town of Groton, and

WHEREAS, in a letter to the Town Council, The Connection Fund, Inc. has presented a donation in lieu of taxes to the Town of Groton in the amount of \$10,000 that has been deposited into the General Fund, and

WHEREAS, in subsequent communication with representatives of The Connection Fund, Inc. they have acknowledged that the Town is free to use the money as it sees fit, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Services has indicated that the Elihu Spicer Trust Fund, a long-time source of financial assistance to Groton families and individuals in need, is rapidly being exhausted due to increased client need and falling interest rates, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the transfer of the \$10,000 donation made by The Connection Fund, Inc. from the General Fund to the Elihu Spicer Fund (73200).

Refer to RTM.

**Legislative History**

**9/4/2012 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the W**

**9/11/2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed**

*Town Manager Oefinger noted receipt of an unsolicited check in the amount of \$10,000 from The Connection Fund, Inc. that owns a number of properties in the Town. The Connection Fund, Inc. provided the donation as a payment in lieu of taxes. The check has been deposited into the General Fund, but the Town Manager asked the Council if they would like to consider directing the funds someplace else, such as the Spicer Fund. Discussion followed and Councilors expressed support for moving the funds to the Spicer Fund.*

**9/11/2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution**

*Discussion followed on the trust fund and interest earning.*

**9/18/2012 Town Council Re-referred Town Council Committee of the W**

*The Town Manager informed the Council that The Connection Fund, Inc. considers this donation to be payment in lieu of taxes, and it does not approve or disapprove what the town does with its donation. If this resolution is adopted, it will need to be referred to the RTM.*

*By consensus this resolution was re-referred to the Committee of the Whole for future discussion.*

**10/9/2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed**

*Councilor Watson stated he would like to transfer the \$10,000 Connecticut Fund, Inc. donation from the General Fund to the Spicer Fund so that the RTM is involved in the process.*

**10/9/2012 Town Council Committee of the Whole Recommended for a Resolution**

**10/16/2012 Town Council Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken**

**10/16/2012 Town Council Adopted and Referred Representative Town Meeting**

**11/1/2012 Representative Town Meeting Referred RTM Community Development &**

**3. EDUCATION - Chairman Hedrick**

**4. RECREATION - Chairman Streeter**

**5. PUBLIC SAFETY - Chairman Pasqualini**

**6. PUBLIC WORKS - Chairman Collins**

**7. RULES & PROCEDURES - Chairman Massett**

**J. BUDGET DISCUSSIONS**

**K. OTHER BUSINESS**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**